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Deb Yamamoto, Unit Manager Cleanup Unit #2
USEPA, Region 10
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900, M/S ECL-115
Seattle, Washington 98101

Re: Portland Harbor Superfund Site

Dear Ms. Yamamoto:

This is to request an extension to July 15, 2008, for Ashland Inc. to respond to USEPA's 104(e) Request for Information regarding the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. An extension is necessary for Ashland to complete its due diligence in reviewing a voluminous number of documents for information to provide accurate and truthful responses to your questions. Ashland will provide a status report regarding its efforts on June 16, 2008 if acceptable.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DMA', is written over the typed name.

David M. Abner

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